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A GI in a jeep carrying two American soldiers wounded in the Korean War asks direction from Lt. D.K. Paul of San Francisco, who took time out to shave in this July 1950 photo.

Korean War still unresolved 40 years after conflict began

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — On a Sunday morning 40 years ago, North Korea sent thousands of troops across the 38th parallel into South Korea, starting a war that killed more than a million people, including 54,000 American soldiers.

It is the only war the United States has entered in this century that remains unresolved. The Korean peninsula, divided after World War II, still is split between the communist North and the capitalist South.

The invasion stunned and enraged the West. The North Koreans occupied Seoul, the South Korean capital, in three days and overran most of the southern half of the peninsula in six weeks.

Fifteen nations sent soldiers to fight for South Korea under the U.S.-led United Nations Command. Another 25 provided medical aid, food and weapons.

China, with war just across its border, sent hundreds of thousands of soldiers to help the North.

When a cease-fire took effect 37 months later, the losses were staggering: an estimated 2.4 million soldiers and 4.4 million civilians killed or wounded. Military dead totaled more than 800,000. A land of remarkable beauty lay ravaged, treeless, burned and barren.

The Korean War was a traumatic chapter in American history and its impact on succeeding generations has been profound.

It was an inglorious war without victory, often nearly forgotten, patched into history between World War II and Vietnam. No peace treaty has been signed.

"It was a war in which we turned the tide against communism for the first time, in a victory regrettably sometimes ignored by history," President Bush said at a dinner for veterans of the war.

Korea was the first confrontation of the big powers in the nuclear age. It intensified hostilities between East and West, and spurred a U.S.-Soviet arms race that only now is ending.

From it grew the notion that communism in East Asia could be contained with help from the U.S. military. That led to American intervention in Vietnam a decade

North Korea returned what it said were the remains of five American soldiers. It was the first such action since 1954.

The American Korean War Veterans Association says it has reports from witnesses indicating some Americans still may be alive in North Korea or other communist countries.

Sporadic dialogue has occurred between the Koreans over the years, but little progress has been made in lessening tension, mutual suspicion and distrust. They have accused each other of more than 1 million violations of the armistice agreement, an average of 75 a day since the war ended.

Reunification of the peninsula, long a dream of Koreans on both sides, remains elusive.

The United States keeps 43,000 soldiers in South Korea to deter another invasion. There are plans to reduce the number, but some U.S. forces are expected to remain indefinitely.

For Washington, the conflict of 1950-53 was a war in which the politicians wrenched control from the generals. It is remembered as much for President Harry Truman's firing of Douglas MacArthur as for the general's bold strategy of pushing the enemy back with an amphibious landing at Inchon, a western port.

Historians divide the Korean war into the first year of dramatic, far-reaching maneuvers and the next two years of static, positional battle.

Korean War's casualty figures still not exact

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Millions of soldiers and civilians were killed or wounded in the 37 months of the Korean War, but exact figures may never be known, military experts and scholars say.

Some estimates run as high as 2.2 million in the military on both sides and 4.4 among civilians. The communist side did not provide casual-

Americans were not prepared mentally or physically for a war fought in foxholes and trenches on rugged, mountainous terrain that was freezing in winter and scorching in summer.

No place was so cold, so dirty. Grease from a hundred C rations was frozen to parkas and gloves. Underwear wasn't changed for months. Perspiration in boots turned to ice in winter. Blood froze on wounds before it could coagulate.

Men fought hand-to-hand for small pieces of territory called Punchbowl, Pork Chop Hill, Heartbreak Ridge, Bunker Hill. Each changed hands many times.

More than 5 million men and women served in the American forces. Their casualties were 103,284 wounded and 54,246 dead, including 33,629 killed in combat. The infantry bore the brunt of the fighting.

What began as a crusade to save South Korea from communism enjoyed only brief public popularity. Soldiers returned home not to a hero's welcome, but to a public dissatisfied with an unpopular, unsatisfactory war.

Wearied soldiers, disheartened and dispirited, faded into the placid, prosperous American society of the 1950s, keeping their pain to themselves.

Not until Vietnam veterans received public attention did the Korean vets begin to organize. They formed an association five years ago and are trying to raise \$10.5 million for a memorial. Korea is the only war without a memorial in Washington.

In South Korea, the war is called the 6-25 incident, reflecting the date it began and the Korean preference for numbering rather than naming events.

Some South Koreans feel shame that the country needed help to defend itself and the anniversary is not a cause for celebration.

Many people who remember those days remain deeply grateful to the Americans. Monuments have been built in rice paddies and town squares to all nations that sent soldiers and aid.

The relationship between South Korea and the United States has

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with the professional help and technology available, but the USU program should help break down some of the barriers.

"We're trying to get as much information as possible about where these devices are," Thorkildsen said. "There's a lot of 'assistive' phone number.

"Some states have been dealing with assistive technology more than other states," he said, adding that Utah's catalogue will include information from other states that otherwise would not be available to Utahns.

Thorkildsen said he recently learned of a program in Iowa that makes hand controls and other devices so the handicapped can run farm equipment.

Council approves ion budget

Jim Neal, a lineman with the electrical department, said the flat-rate increase would "destroy the wage structure by compressing salaries and causing bickering among employees."

Greg Ridler, a police officer, said the flat rate discriminates against employees with longevity.

For the first time since the mayor-council form of government was implemented 16 years ago, the council voted to give itself a pay raise. Each council member will earn \$2,400 instead of the current \$1,200.

The mayor's salary also has been raised from \$28,965 to \$29,848.

When two residents objected, saying that Fjeldsted knew the salary when he ran for office last year, the mayor said he still makes considerably less than mayors of most cities with comparable populations.

During the meeting, the council also heard complaints about City Attorney Scott Barrett's hiring of a part-time prosecutor without properly advertising the position. Julie Hill, who works for the circuit court system, said Scott Wyatt was hired without having had courtroom experience and without having passed the state bar examination.

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IRS rules decision for missionaries is not retroactive

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Internal Revenue Service says it will not force people to file amended tax returns even though the Supreme Court has disallowed tax deductions for contributions given directly to Mormon missionaries.

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled May 21, after considering the case of an Idaho Falls, Idaho, couple, that the IRS had correctly interpreted the language of the federal tax code.

The court decided that parents of missionaries for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints cannot deduct from their federal income taxes money given directly to their children serving LDS missions, although the court said in some cases money given to church-run trust funds would be deductible.

Prior to the ruling, IRS Public Affairs Officer Jan Hadley said, federal officials in six states, including Utah and others in the 10th Circuit, legally allowed the deductions.

The IRS said Friday in a prepared statement that it will enforce the Supreme Court's decision for contributions made on or after May 21 of this year.

LDS Church Spokesman Don LeFevre said he was pleased with the decision, but said the Church, which has 40,000 missionaries abroad, did not have an official statement since the original suit involved individuals.

An option open to families supporting missionaries is to make individual contributions through the church, he said.

Searchers locate woman missing in Arches Park

ARCHES NATIONAL PARK, Utah (AP) — A Wisconsin woman who spent the night in the Devil's Garden area of Arches National Park after suffering from apparent heat exhaustion has been declared fit and has resumed her summer vacation, a park official says.

National Park Service Ranger Ron Young said Saturday that 25-year-old Lynette Redner of Clinton, Wis., was examined by emergency medical technicians after she was found Friday morning after spending more than 24 hours in the rugged desert canyonlands.

"She was fine," Young said. "One of our EMTs was the first to contact her and have a look at her. She was perfectly alert and conscious."

Young said that Redner apparently became overheated during a hike with a friend on Thursday. The

friend, whose name was not available, managed to hike out and contact authorities.

Young said helicopters scanned the area Thursday evening and again Friday morning. Park ranger Larry Frederick said the woman was spotted about 9:30 a.m. MDT in an "extremely rugged" section of the park.

She had been hiking just off the Primitive Loop Trail in the Devil's Garden when she began to show signs of heat exhaustion Thursday about 8:45 p.m.

She was carrying only a quart of water when the hike began. Park officials recommend hikers consume at least a gallon of water a day during the summer months, Frederick said.

He said temperatures in the park have neared 100 degrees the last few days and ground temperatures often top 120 degrees.

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